*High capital investment in the modernization projects leading to increased expenditures on interest and depreciation; and

*High manpower costs.

Theft at Medical store in Safdarjung Hospital

*10. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether robbers struck at the medical store, situated on the second floor of the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, in early June, 2001, and escaped with expensive life saving drugs and surgical equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the extent of financial loss suffered due to the theft;

(c) whether any enquiry has been initiated to go into the circumstances under which the robbers got entry into the hospital despite tight security cover there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) A theft occurred in Surgical Expendable Store situated on 3rd floor of Safdarjung Hospital on 28/29th May, 2001.

(b) Goods amounting to Rs. 2,23,480/- have been lost due to the theft. A statement indicating details of goods and amount thereof is annexed. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) (i) A preliminary enquiry has been conducted. The officials who were handling the stores have been transferred. The matter has been reported to the Sarojini Nagar Police Station for investigation on 29.5.2001.

(ii) A Chief Medical Officer has been deputed to ensure and check that the stores are properly locked after the closing hour along with the concerned security guards.

(iii) Windows of all the floors of the medical store has been strengthened with iron grills.

(iv) The CPWD authorities have been instructed to construct additional door so that double locking system is placed in position in the store.

Statement

Item-wise extent of financial loss suffered due to theft

S. No.	Name of the item	Quantity	Rate (in Rs.)	Total cost (in Rs.)
1	Silk Suture	5 packets	230/per pkt	1150.00
2	Chromic Catgut	21 packets	190/per pkt	3990.00
3	Prolene Suture	76 packets	745/per pkt.	56620.00
4	Vicoryl Suture	130 packets	1244/per pkt.	161720.00
			TOTAL:	223480.00

Posts lying vacant in Prasar Bharati

*11. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some posts are lying vacant in Prasar Bharati for quite some time;

(b) if so, whether Government would take steps to fill up the posts in Prasar Bharati without any further delay; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) It is a fact that some posts are lying vacant in Prasar Bharati. These vacancies could not be filled up due to the following reasons:—